and adverse global price movements, import quantity and price triggers have been agreed as the core structural elements of the Special Safeguard Mechanism.

The Government has been holding stakeholder consultations to protect and pursue our national interest, interests of the farmers and exporters. Government is committed to safeguard food and livelihood security and rural development needs of India's agricultural sector and to achieve its development imperatives in line with the Doha mandate and subsequent decisions contained in the General Council Decision of August 1, 2004 and the Hong Kong Ministerial Declaration to protect the intersts of all domestic stakeholdes, especially, farmers and exporters.

Expansion of ITPO Chennai

865. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Trade Promotion Organisation at Chennai is being expanded;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) and (c) India Trade Promotion Organisation (ITPO) has as Regional Office at Chennai. There is no proposal for its expansion. However, ITPO has a joint venture with Tamil Nadu Industrial Development Corporation Ltd. (TIDCO). The venture is known as Tamil Nadu Trade Promotion Organision (TNTPO) in which ITPO has 51% share and TIDCO has 49% share. TNTPO manages the Chennai Trade Centre. The Board of TNTPO has approved a proposal for setting up of another exhibition hall.

Discontinuance of subsidy on export of agro-products by US and EU

†866. SHRI RAJ MAHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:

SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in the, sixth minister level meeting under WTO, America and European countries had agreed to discontinue subsidy on export of agro-products;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.